

**3.** (2+8 points) The logistic model for population growth is a model that accounts for the fact that population cannot grow indefinitely. The formula for the logistic model is given by

$$P(t) = \frac{L}{1 + Ae^{-kt}} \text{ where } L \text{ and } A \text{ are positive constants.}$$

**(a)** The carrying capacity is the horizontal asymptote of  $P(t)$ . What is the carrying capacity? What does this mean in practical terms?

**(b)** List the steps you would take to find the value of  $t$  for which the population is growing the fastest? Give reasons for each step. You do **NOT** have to carry out any of these steps!!!!